

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 542

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BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/Medicaid Abortion Funding

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Smith/Nickles motion to instruct conferees.

ACTION: MOTION AGREED TO, 56-43

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

The Smith/Nickles motion to instruct conferees would order conferees to recede to the House amendment that would prohibit Federal funding of abortions through Medicaid except to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest (that prohibition, known as the Hyde amendment, has been included on annual appropriations bills since 1977).

The motion was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of debate was allowed on the motion.

NOTE: The Senate earlier failed to obtain the required 60 votes to waive section 313(b)(1)(a) (the Byrd rule) of the Budget Act to override a point of order that was raised against Hyde amendment language that was in the Senate bill (see vote No. 539; for more extensive debate on Federal funding of abortion, see vote Nos. 369-371 and 103d Congress, 1st session, vote No. 390).

Those favoring the motion to instruct contended:

Congress has prohibited Federal funding of Medicaid abortions for nearly 20 years. Senators who on previous votes have opposed Federal funding of abortions should support this motion.

Those opposing the motion to instruct contended:

We beat this language once on a point of order and we will beat it again if it is put on a conference report. Section 7191(a) would

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YEAS (56)			NAYS (43)			NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (46 or 87%)		Democrats (10 or 22%)	Republicans (7 or 13%)		Democrats (36 or 78%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Biden	Campbell	Akaka	Kerrey		
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Breaux	Chafee	Baucus	Kerry		
Bennett	Inhofe	Conrad	Cohen	Bingaman	Kohl		
Bond	Kassebaum	Dorgan	Jeffords	Boxer	Lautenberg		
Brown	Kempthorne	Exon	Snowe	Bradley	Leahy		
Burns	Kyl	Ford	Specter	Bryan	Levin		
Coats	Lott	Heflin	Stevens	Bumpers	Lieberman		
Cochran	Lugar	Johnston		Byrd	Mikulski		
Coverdell	Mack	Nunn		Daschle	Moseley-Braun		
Craig	McCain	Reid		Dodd	Moynihan		
D'Amato	McConnell			Feingold	Murray		
DeWine	Murkowski			Feinstein	Pell		
Dole	Nickles			Glenn	Pryor		
Domenici	Pressler			Graham	Robb		
Faircloth	Roth			Harkin	Rockefeller		
Frist	Santorum			Hollings	Sarbanes		
Gorton	Shelby			Inouye	Simon		
Gramm	Simpson			Kennedy	Wellstone		
Grams	Smith						
Grassley	Thomas						
Gregg	Thompson						
Hatch	Thurmond						
Hatfield	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

codify the Hyde amendment language. That language is a discriminatory assault on the right of poor women to choose. This ban is shortsighted, careless, and insulting to women. If this amendment passes, poor women will seek unsanitary and dangerous back-alley abortions. They should not have to seek cheap abortions--the Federal Government should have to pay. We therefore oppose the motion to waive.